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**COUNTY CONVENTION.**—Pursuant to a call of the National Home Protection Party, the convention of the Macon county is requested to meet at the T. B. Borden in Decatur, on Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 A. M. for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention and the transacting of other business. J. S. BROWN, Chairman. Com. 1201st

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**JAMES DOUGHERTY.**

VERILY the end of Feoria's joy is now fall.  
The Democratic State Central Committee will meet in Peoria on the 6th of March to fix upon the time and place of holding the state convention.

In view of the fact that Gen. Boynton not only called ex Speaker Kiefer a liar, but proved it, the Post-Dispatch proposes as an appropriate epithet for the Ohio booby: "Here lies Kiefer."

The Chicago Times says: "Figures have always had a pretty fair reputation for veracity, but Porter and other tariff employees are teaching them the noble art of lying with much rapidity."

An exchange says that the anti-tobacco croakers are now attributing Gen. Grant's illness to his excessive use of tobacco. Next in order the prohibitionists will be asserting that it is due to his excessive indulgence in that mysterious fluid from which the government derives a heavy revenue, and by means of which John A. Logan wants the people educated!

A COMMUNICATION in the Review of yesterday, in regard to our city finances, has elicited a great deal of discussion, and as it is a question of general and public interest, it is right that it should. Mr. Wait charges positively that \$6,000 of the sinking fund of the city has been invested in a personal loan to one E. B. Durfee, secured by a quarter section of land; that the papers are so drawn as to be worthless; that the money was used to build a street railway in Lincoln, Neb. This naturally stirred up the tax payers and financiers.

Inquiry elicits the following facts: During the summer of 1883, the city found itself in possession of over \$5,000 which was supposed to be in, or the city council wished to put in, the sinking fund, as is by law required, to pay certain indebtedness falling due in 1891. The chairman of the finance committee, J. C. Lake, e. q. proposed that the money should be put into a personal loan to one E. B. Durfee, to be secured by a fractional quarter section of land (154 acres) in Whitmore township, owned by Mrs. P. M. Hammer, of Ohio. His attention was called to the ordinance regulating the investments for the sinking fund, requiring the same to be made in U. S. Bonds. How then can the loan of city money be made on real estate security? By changing the ordinance, permitting investments to be made on real estate security. Mr. Mills was directed to draw up an amendment to Sec. 4 of the ordinance creating a \$35,000 sinking fund, which was passed and is as follows: "By inserting after the word aforesaid in the 16th line the following clause: or other bonds, or upon good and sufficient real estate security, to be approved by the mayor and finance committee."

This amended ordinance was passed Sept. 7th, 1883, was approved on the 8th and legally published on the 18th of the same month, and was legal and valid after the latter date, but not before. On the 8th day of the same month there was filed for record in the office of the circuit clerk, a certain mortgage to the city of Decatur, Ill., on the NW 1/4 of Sec. 19, T. 17, R. 3 E. of the 3rd P. M., "to secure one promissory note of said Pauline M. Hammer and E. B. Durfee, of even date herewith, payable on the 1st day of May, 1891, to the order of the said city of Decatur, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and 8 per cent. after due, payable at the Banking House of Peddecord, Burrows & Co., etc. The interest is payable semi annually. The amount of the loan cannot be determined by the mortgage. This mortgage was signed in Ohio on the 5th day of Sept. 1883, and acknowledged on the 6th, and filed for record here, and presumably the money paid on the 8th, while the amendatory ordinance under which the loan was made was not voted upon till the 7th, approved by the mayor till the 8th, and did not become legal and valid till the 18th, ten days after the papers were filed the money was paid. The amount of the loan can only be determined by the note which is \$5,168.47. As the council had no authority to make the loan, when it was done, it is a question for legal minds whether the security is good. The point of no amount being mentioned in the mortgage may not affect it as between the city and the mortgagors, but how innocent third parties would be affected is a different question. The value of the land as fixed by a leading farmer in the neighborhood of the farm, yesterday, is \$6,000. The note is in the hands of the city clerk.

**LATE NEWS ITEMS.**  
The peace negotiations between Chili and Bolivia are said to have been broken off. Seven frame buildings at Sparta, Wis., occupied by retail dealers burned Monday morning.  
The Seacomet Mills, with a capital of \$400,000, has organized at Fall River to manufacture print cloths.  
An intimate friend of General Hinckley denies the report that he has withdrawn from the Illinois gubernatorial contest.  
In attempting to board a moving train at Wilmington, Del., Monday, J. T. Bethune, the manager of Blind Tom, was killed.  
D. M. Keen, commission dealer in boots and shoes at Toledo, O., made an assignment Monday, with liabilities of \$15,000.  
Isaac H. Adams, the Iowa weather prophet, says the Northwest is threatened with a great storm, which will result in railroad blockades.  
The Episcopal Mission at the Santee Agency in Dakota, with the church, schools and pastoral residence, burned Sunday. There was no loss of life.  
A resolution is before the Legislature of Massachusetts to appropriate \$50,000 to be expended by the Governor in relieving distress along the Ohio River.  
Dr. Wagner, of Indianapolis, who recently attended a case of small-pox, has himself been removed to the pest-house. There are thirty cases in the hospital.  
General Sherman, in a letter to President Arthur, expresses his surprise and gratitude at the compliments paid him in the general order announcing his retirement from the army.  
Eli Madong, a quack doctor, who caused the death of his patient, is reported to have been lynched by friends of his victim, near Denver, Col. Madong formerly resided at Freeport, Ill.  
The registration of a \$10,000,000 mortgage by the Bankers & Merchants' Telegraph Company in forty-seven towns in Connecticut excites public interest, and an investigation is likely to follow.  
The Governor of Virginia vetoed the bill recognizing the representation in Congress on the ground that one political party would secure eight of the ten districts, while the sentiment of the State is nearly equally divided.  
George H. Williams, a millionaire lawyer of Baltimore, is a defendant in a suit brought by his son, to recover \$800,000 transferred while under the influence of liquor, in exchange for an annuity of \$2,500. The youth united against his father's wishes, and they had ceased to speak on the street.  
The death is announced in St. James parish, La., of Pierre Michel La Pice de Bergondy. He was born in San Domingo, and was killed by the insurrection of negroes. He fought in the battle of New Orleans under General Jackson. He left to his heirs a half-dozen sugar and cotton plantations.  
In or near the quarantine station at Deering, Me., are twenty-five head of cattle afflicted with the foot-and-mouth-disease, which is said to have sprung from English importations. Dr. Thayer, of the United States Cattle Commission, is on the ground, and is taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.  
Charles Perkins and Julius Heck, farm laborers, have been arrested at Glenwood, Ia. They had been charged with the murder of D. H. Solomon, of Mills county, and his entire family, and then go West. The conspirators proposed to give the two servant girls the option of staying with them in Iowa or West with them. One of the girls divulged the plot.

**Organizing a Gigantic Corruption Fund.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The Chronicle publishes the contents of a confidential circular issued by the Railroad Shareholders' Association, and signed John Livingston, President, New York. The circular says the object is to raise an immense fund to defeat legislation on all railroad matters, secure the repeal of existing laws, and the abolition of railroad commissions in those States where they exist. All railroad shareholders are requested to subscribe, the amount expected from them being named in a confidential letter accompanying the circular. Two comparatively small shareholders of this city were called upon for a hundred dollars each, and it is understood the demand for money is in large portion. It is known that prominent Eastern roads have allied with the Central Pacific to raise this fund. The circular predicts that enough will be raised to defeat Congressional action on the Land Grants bill.

**Arrested for Swindling.**  
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—R. W. Reid, proprietor of a large retail confectionery on Franklin avenue, and Louis J. Fuller, William Raily, Millard Shepherd, employees of O. H. Peckham & Co., wholesale confectioners on Main street, were arrested Sunday night for robbing and swindling the latter firm. The operation consisted in furnishing to Reid who was a customer of Peckham & Co., two or three times the amount of his orders and charging him only with the amount of his orders. The surplus Reid paid for by giving Fuller, Raily and Shepherd, all of whom were quite young men, mere nominal sums and keeping them supplied with theater tickets, cigar, amusements, etc. Peckham & Co. believe they have been swindled out of \$10,000 to \$12,000, and will attach Reid's stock.

**Trouble Caused by the Omission of a Semi-Colon.**  
LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 19.—The work on the Indian Industrial School in this city has stopped. When the contractors asked for their first payment of \$10,000 it was refused by the Government on the ground that the appropriation of \$150,000 made by Congress was for repairs on Indian schools already constructed, and not for erecting the one at this point. Senators Plumb, of Kansas, and Davies, of Massachusetts, in drawing up the appropriation bill changed its whole significance by the simple omission of a semi-colon. An effort will be made to have Congress make an appropriation this week, but if this fails the contractors will lose about \$30,000.

**Six Children Roasted in Sight of Help.**  
CROCKETT, Tex., Feb. 19.—Rheubar Hart and wife (colored) residing three miles out in the country, went to church Sunday night and left six children home asleep. Hart locked the door and took the key with him. At 10 o'clock the house was discovered to be on fire, and burned so quickly that it was impossible to save it or the children, every one of whom was burned to death. The eldest was a boy of ten years.

**Fatal Powder Explosion.**  
LONDON, Ont., Feb. 19.—A quantity of gunpowder in the top of Hobbs, Osburn & Hobbs' wholesale hardware store exploded, blowing off the upper portion of the building, and killing Smith and mortally injuring Frank Shaw and Percy Lutz. The adjoining buildings were badly shattered.

**Forryth.**  
The marriage of Mr. H. M. Erwin and Miss Jennie Hall, was duly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, in the village of Forryth, on Monday evening, Feb. 19th, at 8 o'clock. The event has caused quite a flutter of excitement in and about the village, for some time so much so that many for got it was St. Valentine's day. However, we think the bride did really get a very handsome valent. Whether any of her lady friends were as fortunate, or not, we do not know. The hour appointed for the ceremony was six o'clock, and while a wedding march was being performed on the organ, the couple entered the well lighted parlor, where they were met by J. C. Hall, J. P. father of the bride, who in a few short words pronounced them husband and wife. The ceremony was brief, but was solemn, at least, so we thought, after which the father gave them some excellent advice, which we trust they will not fail to remember, after which congratulations were given, and an excellent collation discussed by all: out sixty friends of the high contracting parties. The bride, who is a pronounced brunette, was charmingly attired in a rich but brown silk and velvet. Her ornaments were natural flowers. The bride was the recipient of many useful presents. They will go to house-keeping at once, and will be "at home" to their friends at any time, at their home two miles north of the village. 1201st

**Illinois.**  
The weather has been playing "fast and loose" with us to perfection of late. One day the roads are frozen as hard and rough as to be almost impassable, and the next day the mud is so deep they are hardly next-day-able. The revival at the M. E. church continues, with considerable interest. Three persons united with the church on Sunday. A Seaman, of Springfield, has taken Miss Blanchflower's place in the grammar department of our city school. Rev. W. A. Ingram has returned from Homer, where he has been conducting a very successful series of meetings. He reports twenty-three additions to the church, and will return to continue the good work. Mr. Charles Collier, of York, Nebraska, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hyder. Mrs. W. A. Ingram is visiting her parents at Cornsboro, Illinois. Mr. David Johnson, our popular hardware man, now supports a private telephone. Mr. John Simms is the putative art builder. Mum Franklin Driskoll spent several days of last week with Miss Carrie Fern, of your city. Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Corman returned to Decatur on Sunday evening, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. John E. King. The Review is read with great interest here. 1201st

**Dalton City.**  
We attribute dull business in our village to muddy roads. Only a few loads of corn have been hauled in this week and last. The tax collector makes his weekly visits. The tax in Dalton City is above \$1 on the one hundred dollars in the district. C. O. Hester will close his school in the district east of Dalton on Thursday. He will then go to Louisville, Ky., where he will attend medical college. John Bottrell visited Monacaqua and Macon last week. Geo. Davis has abandoned the idea of running a tory factory this year. Jerry Dwyer has rented his farm near Dalton, and will move to Decatur soon. Miss Jennie Corcoran, of Warrensburg, will spend a few weeks with the family of Mr. James Nolan—an exceedingly nice place to visit. W. L. Riber and Miner Hall had business in Decatur on Monday. Mrs. Folie, who was married seriously at last week, is some better at present. Steven Falconer, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory, is visiting his father, Wm. Falconer, near Alt. Zion. Patrick O'Connor, of Decatur, is visiting his brother, Con, at this place. Minor Hale will soon move to Decatur. Mrs. Alex. Freeland is very ill with bilious fever. Mrs. T. W. Parker is ill. Dr. May is visiting in Decatur. Frank Weekly returned to Decatur, on Saturday. E. V. Heskett and Sheriff Foster, of Sullivan, were in Dalton this a. m. 1201st

**Wagon, wood! Wood.**  
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**Tax Notice.**  
The taxes for the year 1883 are now due. Parties will please call at the office, No. 137 North Water street, up stairs, over Henry Smith's drug store, Feb. 19th  
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 1884

## LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

"Irish Aristocracy" Saturday night. The Guards' ball occurs on Friday evening.

Temperance lecture at the tabernacle to-night.

The "New Flying Dutchman" at the opera house to-night.

Prize Shooting Gallery, Prairie street, opposite postoffice. 28w1\*

Go to Curtis & Co., on Friday morning for reserved seats to Burdette's lecture.

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On Friday evening Gov. Oglesby will speak at the camp fire of Joe Hanna Post, in Pekin.

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Little Nellie Morr's, the youthful prodigy, will give public readings at the Universalist church on next Monday evening.

Freight traffic over the Wabash proper is so heavy that engines are being withdrawn from the different branches for service on the main line.

The property owners on Prairie street, from the postoffice to the bank, have contracted for an electric light which will illuminate that popular street.

While temporarily insane, Mrs. Helen A. Hurd, hanged herself with a linen towel, at the residence of her father, at Rosemond, Christian county, on Sunday.

Mr. Samuel O'Bannon, of Maroa, and Miss Eva Phares, of Clinton, will be united in holy wedlock at eleven o'clock this forenoon, at the residence of Mrs. Cackley, in Clinton.

Albert Phenix, a colored gentleman, was fined three dollars and costs by Squire Albert yesterday, for disturbing the peace. He was given two weeks in which to pay.

For nice choice groceries, fresh bread and cakes, glass and queensware, baled hay, corn and oats, call on C. A. & W. K. Hedges, at 537 North Church street, Decatur, Illinois. 316d&w3m.

The Springfield Monitor of yesterday says Mr. G. W. Hammer, who is engineer on the Jacksonville & Decatur accommodation, is confined at home with sickness, and Harry Gillis is taking charge of his run.

Gao Smith, of Tazewell county, who shot himself in the United States marshal's office in Springfield on the 12th inst., died at St. John's hospital, in that city, on Monday. His remains were taken to his home at Hopedale, for interment.

W. H. Wilson, L. B. Johnson and C. E. Dickson, the three men who were arrested on Monday night by Officer Bailey and Night Watchman Woodbridge were fined three dollars and costs yesterday by Squire McGorray. They all paid.

Mr. A. H. Varney, of the Commercial hotel, at Maroa, has nearly completed the improvements of that popular hostelry, and is already doing a thriving business. Under his excellent management, the Commercial is gaining favor, and taking respectable rank in the hotel world.

When the Minnesota blizzard struck this city yesterday afternoon, Prof. Gastman very promptly notified all the teachers in the primary and intermediate departments of the city schools to see to it that the children were properly and comfortably wrapped up before starting for their homes, such precaution being deemed necessary in order to prevent their taking cold.

In speaking of "Irish Aristocracy," which will be presented here on Saturday evening by the Barry & Fay combination, the New York World says: "There was a jam at the People's Theatre in the Bowery last night, where Barry & Fay appeared in the new drama entitled 'Irish Aristocracy.' For two hours and a half the packed assemblage manifested the wildest delight at the production." Popular prices, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

The attention of the public in general and sportsmen in particular is invited to the advertisement of E. C. Reese, on our third page. Mr. R. is the general agent of the Austin Powder Company, than which there is no better powder made, in addition to which he has a very full and fine line of rifles, double and single shot guns, revolvers, fixed ammunition, and everything in the sportsman's line. Give him a call and examine his stock and prices.

A pleasant birthday surprise party was given Valentine eve at the commodious residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leforgee at 150 West North street, in honor of Miss Mollie Floyd, niece of Mrs. Leforgee, and the accomplished daughter of Mr. G. W. Floyd, who resides about seven miles southeast of Decatur. There were about a dozen couples present. Choice refreshments were served at 9:30, and the evening was spent in music and social chat.

The Wabash passenger train going west on Monday, drawn by engine 175, killed an old lady named Mrs. Ryan, at Berlin, just the other side of Springfield. The old lady was very deaf, and a small boy who noticed the danger motioned her to leave the track, but she did not heed the warning. The engineer did not see her until too late to stop the train, but he sounded the whistle and caused the bell to ring violently. It is stated that the woman has on several occasions miraculously escaped death from the cars, and some think that she was determined to kill herself.

The P. D. & E. train due here at 10 p. m. from the north was several hours late last night, on account of the engine jumping the track at Delavan.

George Minor, who was clubbed at "Idlewild" a few days ago, was brought to the city yesterday from Warrensburg, in charge of Constable Schroeder. He was taken before Squire Curtis, and fined \$5 and costs for contempt of court, and was allowed a few days in which to pay the amount.

The case of the city against the Wabash, for blockading the Water street crossing was tried before Justice Lowry yesterday, and resulted in his assessing a fine of \$80 and costs against the company. C. A. Ewing appeared for the Wabash and gave notice that the case would be appealed.

John McGinnis, who was locked up by Officer Henry Acker on Monday, broke out of the levee calaboose yesterday, while the officer was out town asking Marshal Mason what should be done with him. He left town immediately, and was pursued a block or so by Henry, who returned to the levee shortly after McGinnis escaped.

The locomotive firemen are taking great interest in their association brotherhood, and the membership will soon exceed that of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. There will be a union meeting of all the Indiana and Illinois lodges of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen held at Vincennes on the 2d of March.

Homer Talman was brought to this city yesterday by Constable Nat Sprague, of Friends Creek township. He was indicted at the last session of the grand jury for selling liquor without a license. He succeeded in giving bonds in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the May term of the circuit court.

Dr. Washington, the colored solicitor for the John Brown monumental fund, is now in Danville, having gone there from Springfield. It is probable that Danville will be promised the monument, as all other cities are, in which money is solicited. Governor Palmer, it is said, gave the largest amount contributed to the fund, and it was only ten dollars.

Mrs. Ida Arthur will sell at public sale, at her residence in Hickory Point township, three miles east of Warrensburg, and three miles west of Forsythe, on Tuesday, March 11th, five head of horses, one cow, farm wagon, hay rake and fork, plows, barrows, cultivators, two sets harness, three stands of bees, and many other articles. Sale to commence at ten o'clock a. m.

William Murphy was locked up by Officer Welty last evening, and will be tried to-day for having been drunk and disorderly. He came up to Welty without knowing who he was, and jerking his coat open asked what he had, as if he intended to take any valuable he might have. The officer immediately took him in charge. Officer Helmick run Andrew Whalen in for being drunk.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. J. W. Tyler went to Oreana yesterday.

Mrs. R. J. Roberts left yesterday for London, Ohio.

Mr. D. Gray returned home yesterday from Chicago.

Mr. L. L. Ferris came in yesterday from Gibson City.

Major John A. Windsor left last evening for Cincinnati.

Supervisor Hoyt, of Harriestown, was in the city yesterday.

Harry Durfee, of Lincoln, Neb., is in the city visiting his many friends.

Mrs. D. S. Shellsbarger has returned from Springfield, where she has been visiting Rev. Musgrove's family.

Hon. Jas. B. Ricks, of Taylorville, gave us a friendly call yesterday. He came over to deliver the oration at the dedication of the Knights of Pythias Lodge room.

Mrs. Ada Peterson and her sister, Miss Mattie Trowbridge, leave to-day for Vera Cruz, going by the way of New Orleans, where they will remain a few days to witness the glorious scenes of the Mardi Gras.

Master Frank Wells attained his majority yesterday, and hereafter it will be only right and proper to address him as "Mr. Wells. But his friends will continue to call him Frank—for he is a good, Frank, manly fellow.

## Court House Crumbs.

In the matter of the guardianship of the minor heirs of Wm. Craig, deceased, Lydia Craig, guardian; petition of guardian praying to be allowed to farm lands belonging to the wards, at a rent of one-third of the crops; ordered that the guardian cultivate lands and charge herself with one third the crops as guardian.

In the matter of the assignment of John Irwin, Joseph N. Baker, assignee; motion entered by the attorney of some of the creditors that the order authorizing the sheriff to give assignee charge of the stock be set aside. Motion set for hearing at 1:30 to day.

LICENSED TO WED.  
RICHARDS—ARTHUR—Charles Richards and Miss Mary Ann, both of this city.

## Decatur Lecture Course.

Robert J. Burdette, the "Hawkeye Man" will lecture on the "Rise and Fall of a Mustache" in the opera house, on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Holders of course tickets can secure reserved seats at Curtis & Co.'s on Friday morning, Feb. 22d.

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## FAITH, CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

Dedication of the Knights of Pythias Hall—Dance at the Guards' Armory.

The new hall of Cœur de Leon Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, in the third story of the Kormeyer & O'Neil building, on North Main street, was dedicated last evening. The hall was comfortably filled with friends of the order, and had the weather not been so terribly inclement, it would have been crowded. The hall has been richly carpeted, and the furniture and appointments are elegant in every respect. Behind the chair of the Chancellor Commander hung the handsome banner of the order, while underneath it was the words, "Knights of Pythias Hall," worked in handsome flowers, and dedicated to the lodge by Mrs. Samuel Winegartner, widow of the only member of the lodge, who has passed over the dark river.

The exercises were opened by Chancellor Commander Clark delivering a brief address of welcome, and stating the object of the meeting. Following this came a choice selection from Goodman's orchestra. Rev. Gibb invoked a divine blessing upon the assembly, which was tender and touching in its language. Another selection from the orchestra was followed by a speech by Rev. Gibb. In brief he said all objections to the order of the Knights of Pythias on account of secrecy, would be dispelled when its loyal objects were fully known. He thanked the donor of the floral tribute, on behalf of the lodge, and repeated a hearty welcome to the visiting Knights and friends. The teachings of the order are friendship, faith, caution and bravery, and to all down-trodden and distressed brethren, a helping hand is always extended. It took in charge the weak and destitute, but no coward could seek a place within the ranks. As to the objections to secrecy, he said that it was necessary that something should not be said. To old batchelors, he said, if you are afraid of secrecy, continue in your ways as a bachelor, and old maids could also take a hint from it. He asked if the father thought the indiscretion of his child should be broadcast to the people; no, he would quietly take her by the hand and try to win her back to the true ways of life. Its secrecy prevented no true and brave man from gaining a position in its ranks, if he was considered worthy by the order. Rev. Gibb closed his pleasing address by introducing Grand Prelate James B. Ricks, of Taylorville, the orator of the evening.

Mr. Ricks took the stand, and for half an hour or more he held the closest attention of his hearers. He spoke in a low, pleasant voice, which was, however, audible to all, even in its lowest tone. He commenced by telling of the Spaniard, Balboa, discovering the Pacific ocean in 1513, which bathed the feet of two continents by its broad expanse of water. The discovery was made from the summit of a mountain, and Balboa, not satisfied with his comrades as witnesses, planted on the mountain's crest, a cross bearing the coat of arms of his country. Two thousand years ago a lesson of friendship was taught a ruler and twenty years ago to-night the discovery of the mystic triangle, resulted in the organization of the Knights of Pythias. Thirteen years ago, Cœur de Leon lodge made the discovery of the virtues of the order, and erected a monument in its name, but they did not like it, and they made another that would outlive all. Friendship, charity and benevolence are on all sides of you. They all dwell here. These Knights have placed them here. Fathers, husbands, brothers and perhaps lovers are these Knights, and to them is all honor due. This hall will stand when these true Knights are dead. As guests of the mystic triangle and not wishing to offend them, we have a right to ask of them as our hosts, who and what they are. It will be necessary to go back years to Damon and Pythias and the origin of the triangle, the most prominent of emblems. Also to dwell on its organization and its founders and its objects.

To the south of Italy, in the Mediterranean sea, lies the beautiful island of Sicily, whose slopes and valleys are bathed in that delightful sunshine, which floods Italy. In this island was a large city whose population was at one time 500,000 souls. There, could be found scholars, statesmen, arts and sciences, but like the city of Rome, her course was one of tyranny and debauchery until its fall. Four hundred and six years before the commencement of the christian era, there dwelt in that city three men, and upon one of their actions, was based the foundation of the Knights of Pythias. Dionysius, King of Sicily, had condemned to death Damon, who had offended him. Between Damon and Pythias there existed ties of friendship, which only needed the blood to make them brothers. Pythias upon his wedding day, went to the king and pleaded that Damon be allowed to see his family before his execution. The request was granted, but Pythias was held in hostage to await the return of his friend, who owing to a servant's killing his horse to prevent his return, did not come at the hour of execution. Pythias was led forth and was about to be executed when Damon returned, and upon mounting the scaffold asked that he might gaze upon the cruel king and even while staring death in the face, laugh at him. Such an exhibition of bravery and friendship so moved the king, that both men were pardoned, and upon this act the Knights of Pythias base their foundation.

Upon the 16th of February, 1864, the first lodge was organized in this country, at Washington. The originator of the scheme was Justin H. Raffen, a clerk in that city, who was urged by his associates to admit none but clerks, but in this he refused. This man still lives to see 19,000 subordinate lodges with a membership of 130,000 Knights. His dream has been fulfilled. There is one su-

prema lodge, 37 grand lodges and 19,000 subordinate lodges. What a grand inspiration prompted him! and what joy he must have felt at realizing the success and grandeur of his work! The first lodge formed in Illinois was the Welcome lodge of Chicago, which was organized in 1869. In the state there is a grand lodge and 84 subordinate lodges with a membership of 5,000. In any walk of life may be found the Knights of Pythias, and they never forget the motto "Faith, Charity and Benevolence." To sick and dying brethren, they minister with tender hands and never allow the pauper's coffin to cover a member. During the past year they have expended \$300,000 in charities and funeral expenses. Mr. Ricks closed his remarks with a glowing tribute to the noble order and when he had finished, his hearers indulged in warm applause.

After singing, an adjournment was made to the Guards' Armory, where the annual ball of Cœur de Leon, was commenced.

## THE DANCE.

The dance at the Guards' Armory proved to be the social affair of the season, and was maintained until the small wee hours. Goodman's orchestra lent its inspiring strains, and all went merry as a marriage bell. The stately matron and blushing maiden mingled in waltz and quadrille alike, and the former seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as the latter. The floor managers exerted themselves to make the dance enjoyable to all, and any one who participated in it, will say that their efforts were crowned with success. Every one was in his pleasantest mood and not a thing occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening.

The following numbers comprised the programme:

1—Polonaise	Cœur de Leon 17
2—Quadrille	Damon 19
3—Waltz	Capitol 14
4—Quadrille	Plantagenet 25
5—Schottische	Mortimer 32
6—Quadrille	Glendower 45
7—Polka	Pedestrian 40
8—Waltz	Scholar 47
9—Lancers	Apollo 57
10—Valse viennoise	Knightworth 60
11—Waltz	Nystre 84

12—Waltz	White Cross 53
13—Quadrille	Triumph 58
14—Polka	Templeton 76
15—Waltz	Waldemar 77
16—Schottische	Danvers 81
17—Waltz	Royal 100
18—Lancers	G. W. Wimple 71
19—Newport	G. V. C. Harrods 4
20—Quadrille	J. P. Ricks 4
21—Waltz	Quintet 4

The entire evening was a joyous one for the Knights and their guests. Cœur de Leon lodge may rest assured that their dedicatory exercises and ball were a grand success, and will ever be remembered by those who were present.

## "The New Flying Dutchman."

Last evening at the opera house was given the first presentation in this city of the "New Flying Dutchman," a romantic legendary drama in four acts. An audience of good proportions was present and manifested much interest in the play, which was put upon the stage in a very creditable manner and interpreted by a competent company. Mr. C. P. Flockton in the character of Philip Broeck made an excellent impression. He has a commanding presence, good voice, and his manner and countenance are perfectly suited to the mysterious part he assumes. He bears a strong resemblance to the portraits of the celebrated English actor, Henry Irving. Miss Mario Acosta as Madeline Foster, was effective, and Miss Anna J. Carleton sustained their respective parts well. The songs of Miss Carleton were especially pleasing. The others in the cast were all that could be expected. The drama is replete with effective scenery and startling melo-dramatic effects. The phantom ship and its ghostly crew was very impressive and when the curtain fell received a well deserved call. We consider it one of the best scenic exhibition here for a great while, and Messrs. Flockton and Edmunds are deserving of great credit for their care in the production of the piece. It will be repeated at the opera house this evening, and should be greeted by a good audience.

## A Dog and Coon Story.

We have often wondered what made Pratt Nelson, of Maroa, so popular with the nimrods and disciples of Isaac Walton. His services and company—especially his company—are always in demand, and no fishing or hunting party is complete unless he is one of the number. It is said he already has engagements for two or three years ahead. But the secret of his popularity is now out. He acquired his popularity through contributions to the Bloomington Eye, of which the following is a sample:

"I was chopping in the woods one day last winter, when my dog, a hearty terrier, crawled into a hollow log and found a coon. He took Mr. Coon by the nose and pulled him out into my presence. When the coon saw how I was situated with a big ax and a yearning look he yanked the dog back into the hole in the log. The dog was a light weight, but his staying qualities were something to contemplate. He had the coon firmly clinched and to that gentle influence he yielded frequently, but as often withdrew from the cold world, taking the ambitious purp with him.

They kept sawing it off this way for nearly an hour, and it began to look as though the coon was going to win the rubber, when an idea struck me. When the dog pulled the coon out to view I aimed my ax and struck a terrific blow at the coon's neck. Just then he gave a jerk and pulled the dog's head to the spot where his should have been.

That dog don't know to this day but that it was the coon that killed him."

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